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1. The Albanian Workers' Party, which has been carrying out a thorough purge since 1950 of Titoists and other deviationists from the Party line, is now making it difficult to become a Party member. All present members have been required to submit their biographies as if they were new applicants. These biographies have been thoroughly examined and the members' contacts investigated. As a result of this review, many have been expelled from the Party. Those who have been retained have been issued new Party cards.
2. A candidate submitting his application must also enclose his full biography, in addition to the written declarations of two sponsors. The application is examined by the local Party committee at its next meeting. Every committee member reads it, and a decision is made at the following meeting.
3. Applications from working class candidates usually do not go beyond the local committee, but those from the "middle class" may be sent to the rreth (district) level, and those from intellectuals to the Central Committee of the Party.

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